May 30, 1990

Memo to File
Stoddard Petroleum Distributing (1301 West Locust)

At about 10:00 this office received a phone call from City
Utilities that Tom Norton had responded to a natural gas odor
compliant at 1162 West Division. C.U. indicated it was not a
natural gas problem but a diesel problem in the storm sewer.
I could not contact the resident at 1162 West Division. Mr.
Jim Gargus at the stockyards was contacted concerning his
complaint of diesel odor in the stockyards building. A open
cleanout was found in the mechanical room and Mr. Gargus was
advised this was the source of odors and other gases could
enter his building unless it was closed. He placed a rag in
the opening and said he would get a plug.

During the investigation Underwood Oil and Stoddard Distrib-
uting were contacted to determine if they had lost any die-
sel. Both reported no loss. After a heavy shower product in
the stormsewer was traced back to Stoddard. Mr. Robert
Stoddard was advised to test his diesel line as the
aboveground tank showed no signs of leaking.

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Testing on the diesel line at Stoddard indicated a tight
line. A Stoddard employee informed Mr. Stoddard he had dis-
covered a leaking valve in the diesel dispenser during the
early morning hours of the 30th. Latter inventory figures
indicated the loss to be 64 gallons. Product had possibly
entered the sanitary sewer from an abandoned stool drain on
the concrete sump the dispensers set on. Product was also
observed on the ground around the dispensers and flowing
overland to the curb which is tributary to Sonford Creek.
MO.D.N.R. was advised of the problem at Stoddard.

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The occupants at 1162 West Division were contacted. Their
plumber was also at the scene and a inspection found a
cleanout plug was missing in a basement floor drain. The
owners were advised to replace the plug and told of the dan-
gers that could result from sanitary sewer vapors entering
their home. I could not detect a diesel smell in the
sanitary sewer.

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